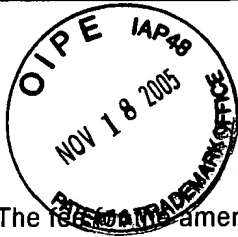


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COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)					Docket No. BAF-11802/29	
In Re Application of Ferree						
Application No. 09/638,241	Filing Date 08/14/2000	Examiner Tan-Uyen T. Ho	Customer No. 25006	Group Art Unit 3731	Confirmation No. 9686	
Invention: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING DISC HERNIATION AND PREVENTING THE EXTRUSION OF INTERBODY BONE GRAFT						
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>						
This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>May 20, 2005</u> in the above-identified application. <i>Date</i>						
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):						
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from: <u>August 20, 2005</u> until: <u>Nov. 20, 2005</u> <i>Date</i> <i>Date</i>						
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.						
The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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TOTAL CLAIMS	23 -	22 =	1	x \$25.00	\$25.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	2 -	3 =	0	x \$100.00	\$0.00	
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00	
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$510.00	
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$535.00	
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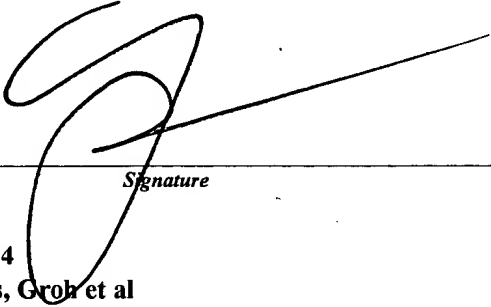
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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. **07-1180** in the amount of **\$535.00**
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **07-1180**
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☐ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **07-1180**
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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